

**Virginia Comprehensive Assistance Network [VA CAN] Meeting**  
**January 26, 2006**  
**Meeting Notes**

**Attendance:**

Richard Rasmussen, Rodney Sobin, Chuck McCarty-Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)  
Andy Feagins-Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS)  
Kathy Wiberly-Department of Health (VDH)  
Linda Hawkins-Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

**Meeting Speaker:**

**Kathy Wiberly, Senior Policy Analyst and State Planning Grant Coordinator with the VA Department of Health**

**1. Opening/Introductions – Richard Rasmussen**

Round-the-table introductions.

**2. Presentation by Kathy Wiberly**



Kathy provided an excellent [presentation](http://www.deq.virginia.gov/osba/vacan/pdf/26JanStPlanGrant.pdf) (<http://www.deq.virginia.gov/osba/vacan/pdf/26JanStPlanGrant.pdf>) about the Virginia State Planning Grant Initiative “InsureMoreVirginians.org”. She explained how this program can help find ways to provide health insurance for the uninsured and thus potentially help small businesses and their employees.

**3. Old Business**

- **There’s still time to select a new Chairperson of VA CAN. If interested, please contact Richard Rasmussen.**
- Stu Neal’s program will sponsor its annual Small Business Resource Day 2006 on May 19<sup>th</sup>. Location to be announced shortly.
- Richard Rasmussen is going to make a request to DEQ’s new Director to create a separate VACAN website.

**4. Roundtable**

Richard Rasmussen - Calendars for dry cleaners and gas stations with vapor recovery systems were sent out in mid-December. DEQ’s SBAP is still working on the Northern Virginia Auto Body Environmental Results Program. The USEPA national conference for SBAP/SBO programs will be held March 26-30 in New Hampshire. The USEPA has proposed a new rule that will impact drycleaners and the SBAP will be doing out-reach after the rule is final to explain the new requirements. The SBAP may also do some out-reach to owners of small boilers to aid with ideas for energy efficiency and cleaner emissions.

Linda Hawkins - IRS has completed its training program of CPAs around Virginia. They are now looking for ways to partner with agencies, groups, etc. to reach small business owners to explain changes in the Federal tax laws.

Andy Feagins - DMAS has hired another person, Diane Howard, to work with Andy regarding out-reach. They are working with hospitals to help identify children without health insurance. The new parent toolkit is being revised and updated. "Cover the Uninsured Week" is coming and will be in the news shortly. The FAMIS program is working hard to reach every Virginian that needs insurance for their children and for pregnant mothers.

**5. Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 4, 2006 at DEQ's Piedmont Regional Office at 10:00 AM.

**7. Adjourned**

Meeting was adjourned at 11:30 AM.